

Centre Oblat

A Voice For Justice

Une voix pour la justice



The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate appoint a new Executive Director to *Le Centre Oblat: A Voice for Justice*.

July 31, 2024

Father Ken Thorson, OMI (Provincial of OMI Lacombe Canada), Le Père Jacques Laliberté, OMI (Provincial of Notre Dame du Cap) are pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Tara Hurford of Gatineau, QC, as Executive Director of *Le Centre Oblat: A Voice for Justice*.



Ms. Hurford has a deep history of social justice leadership in community organizations, including Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. She holds a master's degree in Transformative Leadership from St. Paul University and is bilingual.

She looks forward to working collaboratively with partners in religious and secular organizations as she assumes this new post on September 4, 2024.

Le Centre Oblat was established on February 15, 2019, as a joint ministry of the Canadian Oblates to further their ministry of justice, peace and integrity of Creation. Located in St. Paul University (Ottawa), an institution established by the Oblates 176 years ago, *Le Centre Oblat* focuses efforts of the congregation, addressing the causes of poverty in

Canada, the ecological crisis, human and environmental abuses of Canadian entities in the Global South, as well as major initiatives towards reconciliation with justice with Indigenous peoples.

Le Centre Oblat has been staffed by Mr. Joe Gunn of Ottawa since its creation. We are deeply grateful for the time Joe has given to this ministry. Through his tireless commitment, and with his characteristic compassion and wit, he has built a firm foundation for *Le Centre Oblat* on which Tara, along with the wider Oblate family, can continue to grow our JPIC efforts.

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